

A brief Answer to two Papers procured from Friends in *Maryland*, the one concerning *Thomas Budds* favouring *John Lynam*, &c. the other concerning his owning *George Keith's* Principles and Doctrines.

W H E R E A S there is two Papers procured from Friends in Maryland, on purpose to defame me; I think fit to give a true relation of the whole matter, and leave it to the Consideration of all Impartial Friends of Truth. The matter then is this, as followeth, *viz*

About twelve Years ago John Cary and his Wife came to Burlington, and show a Letter from G. F. directed to him and three other Friends, in which they were advised by G. F. to visit Friends in West-Jersey, and Friends not knowing of the difference betwixt them and Friends in Maryland, they were kindly received, and her Testimony owned. When they went back Robert Cary and my self took the opportunity of going in their Boats to the Meeting at West-River, where some of Rob. Cary's old Acquaintance came to visit us, and much frequented our company, viz. John Lynde and his Wife, Edw. Benson, and others, all of them being strangers to me. Now I found Friends to carry it very faintly to us, but not one of them did in the least inform me the reason of their faint carriage all the time of the Meeting, or that John Lynde and his Wife, &c. were out of unity with Friends, but observed that they were fattered to speak in their Meetings; and what information I had of the matter it was from

some of the above-said Persons that much frequented our company, and who no doubt would make the best of their own Cause, which I had not favoured, had Friends discharged their duty to me, by giving me an account of their being out of Unity, &c. for when I came to have a right Information concerning them, I writ to Friends my sense thereof, and did also write a Letter to *John Lynam*, &c. advising them to be reconciled to their Brethren; and the next time that I was at the Meeting at *West-River*, which was about two years ago, where I publicly declared against that Contentious Spirit in *J. L.* and his Wife, &c. declaring it (as they say in their Paper) to be a killing Spirit, which I still own, believing that *J. L.* and the rest, (having so many years continued in that contentious Spirit) had lost their condition, and were thereby become very unfit to preach so frequently as they now do. But it is very strange that Copies should be given out of the Meeting-Book, to let People know the hurt they say I received by a few days accompanying with the said Persons, when at the same time they own their Ministry, and *John Lynam* is one of the 28 Judges against *G. K.* and his Friends, altho' a stranger to the Differences. But the reason of the reviving of these old matters is to insinuate into People, that I having once been mistaken, so as to favour such bad Spirits as *John Lynam* and the rest, I might also be mistaken in my Friend *G. Keith*. To which I say, That it was not suddainly that I joyned with *G. K.* but after diligent search and enquiry into the matter, and earnest Supplication to the Lord, that he would guide me aright, I was drawn forth to joyn with *G. K.* in his Christian Testimony, and witness Peace and Satisfaction from the Lord therein. And notwithstanding the 28 Judges say, that *G. K.* is fallen from the High Places of Israel, as a man slain in his High Places, and become Treacherous to the Spouse of his Youth, & as a man without the fear of God before his Eyes; *G. K.* is a living man, and it is

is the Glory of God, Prosperity of Truth, and Salvation of Souls that he travails for; and these things are Slanders and Lyes writ on purpose, by prejudiced men against him, to slay him in his Reputation, and lessen Peoples Love to him and his powerful Gospel Ministry, and to hide their own Ignorance, Error & Unbelief in those Fundamental Principles of Christian Doctrine, which are the Foundation Cause of the present Difference and Separation.

The other Paper, which they also recommend to Friends, (signed by *Henry Hofer, John True and Charles Hollisworth*) saith, *viz. Understanding that Thomas Budd is one with George Keith, owning his Principles, which for some Tears past he by his own mouth declared & cautioned several to beware of, saying there were dangerous Doctrines that would break forth among us before long by George Keith.*

Answer; I do freely acknowledge that I am one with G. K. in his present Christian Testimony, and own his sound Christian Principles; but that he doth hold any dangerous Doctrines, or that dangerous Doctrines are broken forth amongst us who are joyned with G. K. remains for them to tell wherein; if they had known of any dangerous Doctrines among us, it had been more Christian in them to have writ to us and told wherein we were in an Error, than to have sent Papers privately abroad, insinuating as if there were dangerous Doctrines broken forth among us; by which it appears, they are either ignorant of the Doctrines & Principles we own, or unbelievers therein, and for their better Information, I recommend to their perusal the Sheet called, *An Account of the Sincere Christian Faith of some of the faithful People called Quakers in Pennsylvania, &c.* wherein I hope will be found no dangerous Doctrines. But that dangerous Doctrines are held by them that we meet apart from, will easily appear by a few things mentioned, that are well known to be true, *viz. Tho Fitzwater said to me, in the presence of divers Witnesses, That*
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He did not own any Man Christ Jesus as Mediator in Heaven without him, but the Grace of God within him; and tho' I complain-
ed against him to Friends of the Ministry at their Meeting
at Burlington, yet they dealt not with him, nor so much as
blamed him, which manifests they are one with him in his Un-
belief. And the Act of their Monthly Meeting may witness
what dangerous Doctrines they hold, viz. That the Light is
sufficient to Salvation without anything else, viz. without the Man
Christ Jesus, and without the Faith of his Death, Resurrection,
Ascension and Mediation, which is that something else we hold
to be necessary to make a man a true Christian, as well as to
believe in the Light within.

And whereas they say, That I said after a mysterious manner,
That a Star would fall, cautioning all to beware of the Times that
were coming. In answer, I say, that several Stars are fallen,
and many apostatized from the Faith, witness W. Brockdale,
who said: That to preach Faith in Christ within, and in Christ
without was to preach two Christs; and Arthur Cost put G. K. to
prove by Scripture, that we were to believe in Christ within and
in Christ without. And in opposition to G. K.'s affirming the
necessity of the Faith of Christ without, as well as in Christ
within, The Lloyd said, That Christ within did all and argued
for one hour, That we might be Christians good enough without all
Faith of Christ as he dyed for our sins, rose again, &c. R. Young
said, That he never read in all the Scriptures of Christ without, but
that Christ was separated from his Body in the Cloud, &c. Also,
witness some here called Quakers at Philadelphia hiring men
to fight, and signing Commissions so to do, and furnishing the
Indians with Powder & Lead to go to war with other Indians,
and some called Ministers among them being worldly Judges
and have sentenced to Death, &c. and their Persecution by
fining and Imprisoning of some of their Brethren for asserting
the ancient Principles of Truth and faithful Friends, which
they are apostatized from.

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